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THE TOWN COUNCIL

Two Meetings Were Held During the Past Week.

A meeting of the town council was held Saturday night last.

Communications were received from E. Alcock, Delbridge Bros., James Shirley, and A. M. Rose.

The error in the assessment roll on the Fuljumes property was allowed. The fine brigade pay roll amounting to \$105.50 was ordered to be paid.

The report of the chief of police was received showing 31 arrests and fines to the amount of \$86 imposed.

A memorial prepared by coun. Deacon was passed, and ordered to be sent to the Ontario Government praying that a grant be made to Toronto University to assist in establishing and equipping in a proper manner a department of mineralogy and geology to co-operate with the work now being done by the School of Practical Science.

The accounts of the Board of Health were passed and ordered to be paid.

J. E. Rice gave notice of a by-law to change the name of the town.

MONDAY'S MEETING

The council met again on Monday evening, when the financial statement of the town was received and the clerk ordered to get 200 copies printed, as required by statute.

The by-law to hold nominations for mayor and councillors, fix polling places and appoint deputy returning

officers was read a third time and finally passed.

Rich Strike Of Gold.

Peter King arrived in from Sturgeon Falls yesterday. He reports several very rich finds of gold, one in particular being the discovery of Frank King on a property in which J. S. Steel is partner. The vein is six feet wide and carried gold on the surface. When Mr. King came out a test pit had been sunk eight feet. At this depth gold in fabulous quantity was found, clean across the vein the yellow metal gleamed and glistened. To what depth this rich deposit will go is of course unknown and can only be ascertained by sinking.—Port Arthur Herald.

St. Alban's Church.

Tuesday next being Christmas day there will be morning service in St. Alban's church at 11 o'clock. Efforts are being put forth to make the celebration of this great festival as impressive as possible, and it is hoped that there will be a larger turn out of the congregation than ever before. The special music at this service will be as follows:

Hymn 61—"Christians Awake; Salute the Happy Morn." Te Deum—Berthold Tourt's setting F. Anthem—"Behold I Bring You Good Tidings." Gass. Kyrie—Dyke's in E flat.

Hymn 50—"O Come, All Ye Faithful; Oft-sung." "Hark the Glad Sound!"

Soprano Solo, Mrs. Sigurdson; and Chorus. Farmer.

Hymn 60—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

The Canticles and Proper Psalms will be taken to familiar chants.

On Sunday evening after the service a number of well known carols will be sung in which it is hoped the congregation will take part.

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RAT PORTAGE, ONT., DEC. 21, 1900.

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OUR HIGH SCHOOL

Standing of the Pupils at the End of the Fall Term.

The following High School report is based upon weekly written examinations held during the term ending Dec. 21st, 1900. Pupils who have taken less than 40 per cent. are not reported. In the various subjects appear the names of the three best pupils, providing they have obtained 67 per cent. and over. The names are in order of merit:

Form IV.

General—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie, T. Hooper.

Latin—L. Moor.

French—L. Moor.

English Grammar—L. Moor, W. Baker.

Ancient History—L. Moor, K. McQuarrie.

Arithmetic—L. Moor, W. Baker.

Algebra—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie.

Geometry—W. Baker, L. Moor, K. McQuarrie.

Physics—L. Moor and K. McQuarrie.

Chemistry—L. Moor and K. McQuarrie.

Geography—L. Moor.

English Composition—L. Moor.

English Literature—L. Moor, W. Baker.

Form III.

General—S. Scovil, W. Chapple, R. Weidman, D. Campbell, G. McMurdo, C. Bunn, E. Mitchell, W. Mather, S. Griffis and G. Campbell, eq.; H. Woods, T. Phillips.

Latin—S. Scovil and C. Bunn, eq.; S. Griffis, D. Campbell.

French (optional)—W. Chapple, D. Campbell, H. Woods.

German (optional)—R. Weidman, M. Scott, W. Chapple.

English Literature—E. McLoughlin, H. Woods, S. Scovil.

English Composition—M. Scott, S. Scovil and H. Woods, eq.; W. Chapple.

Latin—M. Davies, D. Campbell and J. Ferguson, eq.; J. Lang.

Reading—M. Fleming, M. B. Mac-

Donell, J. Lang and M. Davis, eq.

THE WINTER SCHEDULE.

The Intermediate Matches Arranged For the Coming Hockey Season.

the greatest of faith in the railway baggage men. This is a complaint, but if they had any idea how greatly this would assist us in preventing baggage going astray they might all possibly be induced to have some mark on their baggage.

"Telescopes, dress suit cases and trunks in these days nearly all look alike to the baggage clerks and handlers, and, it may be said, also to the owners. Hundreds of instances could be cited of where two and often as many as five persons claimed the same piece of baggage before the checks were put on. This generally results in a search through the boxes, which is annoying procedure to the men as well as to the passenger. My advice is: 'Mark your baggage.'

THE CENTRAL CANADA CHAMBER OF MINES.

Editorial From the Manitoba Free Press
Dec. 7th 1900

The statistical statement for November which has been issued by the Central Canada Chamber of Mines presents a very complete and exhaustive mass of verified figures, showing the mineral returns and speaking for itself of the mineral resources of the Lake of the Woods goldfields. These regular statements which the Chamber of Mines prepares and sends out to the centres of capital seeking investment, both on this continent and in Europe, are of value and importance to the development of the mining region of Eastern Manitoba and Western Ontario. Containing, as they do, nothing but reliable figures, for whose accuracy the Chamber of Mines vouches as having been verified beyond the possibility of question, these statements place before intending investors in mining operations facts and facts alone. Opinions and forecasts have no part in them whatever, but only reliable statistical information in detail, showing actual results, the output of gold from the operating mines, with the number of tons of ore milled, the yield of gold per ton and all other necessary details, as well as the trial mill runs from newly opened reefs in process of development, the machinery installed or on the ground in course of erection, and what ever other information is necessary for

Cut of Timber.

Reports from the Rainy River District sent to the Crown Lands Department state that the cut of timber in the district this year will total from thirty to forty million feet. The cut is considerably larger than last year.

Douglas Christie.

A quite wedding ceremony was solemnized last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Christie, 30 Lily street, when their only daughter, Margaret, was married to Mr. Arthur Norman Douglas. Rev. Hamilton Wigle performed the ceremony. Miss

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Jan. 21—Rat Portage vs. Portage la Prairie, at Portage la Prairie.

Jan. 23—Portage la Prairie vs. Brandon, at Brandon.

Jan. 25—Rat Portage vs. Carberry, at Carberry.

Jan. 29—Portage la Prairie vs. Brandon, at Brandon.

Feb. 2—Carberry vs. Winnipeg, at Winnipeg.

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S. Griffis, D. Campbell.
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Campbell, H. Woods.
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W. Mather, eq.

Arithmetic—S. Scovil, W. Mather,
E. Mitchell and C. Bunn, eq.

Algebra—S. Scovil, C. Bunn, M.
Scott.

Geometry—S. Scovil, W. Chapple,
G. McMurdie.

Form II.

General—R. Beaudro, F. Marshall,
C. Parsons, L. Phillips, E. Griffis, J.
Sullivan, M. Hooper, E. Pease and A.
Nicholson, eq.; L. Johnston.

Latin—E. Griffis, J. Sullivan, R.
Beaudro.

German (optional)—E. Griffis, F.
Marshall, M. Hooper.

English Grammar—L. Phillips, M.
Hooper, R. Beaudro.

English Literature—E. Pease, A.
Nicholson, M. Hooper.

English Composition—J. Sullivan,
M. Kouk, A. Nicholson.

Arithmetic—R. Beaudro, C. Parsons;
E. Griffis and F. Marshall and
L. Johnston, eq.

Geometry—F. Marshall, R. Beaudro,
L. Phillips.

Algebra—I. Phillips and E. Griffis,
eq.; L. Johnston and R. Beaudro, eq.;
C. Parsons.

Physics—E. Griffis, J. Sullivan, R.
Beaudro.

Form I.

General—McDavies, M. B. MacDonell,
I. McConnel, D. Campbell, M.
Fleming and J. Daly and R. Megrund,
eq.; J. Lang and C. Johnston, eq.; J.
Greenwood, J. Ferguson, F. Woods.

M. Kouk, J. Veistrup, C. Woods, F.
Lang and C. Kyle, eq.; H. Booker, E.
Belyea, P. Ratchford, D. Drysdale, A.
Horswill, E. Dowsett.

Grammar—M. Fleming, B. Kouk,
M. B. MacDonell.

Literature—M. Fleming, I. McConnel,
M. B. MacDonell.

Composition—M. Davies and M.
Fleming and I. McConnel, eq.; Lorne
Woods, J. Daly and A. Horswill, eq.

History—M. B. MacDonell, M. Davies,
D. Campbell.

Geography—M. Davies, J. Daly, D.
Campbell.

Book-keeping—M. B. MacDonell, J.
Lang, F. Woods, C. Woods, M. Fleming
and D. Campbell, eq.

Drawing—J. Veistrup, L. Woods,
P. Ratchford.

Arithmetic—M. Davies, M. B. Mac-
Donell, J. Daly.

Euclid—M. B. MacDonell and M.
Davies, eq.; M. Fleming, J. Ferguson,
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Notre Dame Church.

Mr. George Thompson, a leading
merchant of Blenheim, Ont., states:
"I was troubled with itching piles for
fifteen years, and at times they were so
bad I could scarcely walk. I tried a
great many remedies, but never found
anything like Dr. Chase's Ointment.
After the third application I obtained
relief, and was completely cured by
using one box." Ask your neighbors
about Dr. Chase's Ointment, the only
absolute cure for piles.

Notre Dame Church.

As in preceding years there will be
mid-night mass at Notre Dame church.
The choir will sing the solemn and
harmonious mass of St. Cecilia under
the direction of Mr. Carpenter, who
has kindly lent his services for the occa-
sion. The solemnity of this festival
will be enhanced by the inauguration
of electric lights which are to serve as
a decoration for the altar and sanctu-
ary. Those who have so generously
contributed to the purchase of these
lights are thanked most heartily. No
efforts will be spared to have the
church itself handsomely decorated, be-
fitting this festival of festivals.

Before mass the birth of the Divine
Infant will be announced by several
little children representing angels, who
singing in joyous strains the celestial
"Gloria" will surround the humble crib
wherein repose the Savior of men.

This year it has been decided as a
means of preserving that order and de-
corum so essential to all ceremonies of
the church that no one be admitted
without a ticket. These tickets will
be given gratis to all pew holders in
the church, to members of the choir
and to the sanctuary boys. There are
also unrented pews, chairs and seats
in the gallery which will be at the
disposal of persons paying 25 cents.

As the church is rather small it has
been found necessary to limit the
number of tickets, consequently those
who wish to assist at the midnight
service should call at the Presbytery
at once for their tickets, especially as
several have already been disposed of.

According to this arrangement only
those who can reach the church at the
beginning of mass may be sure of their
seats. Reserved pews may also be
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Curling.

The president v. vice-president game
was very close and exciting, and was
won by only two shots by the vice-
president's side. The president's inter-
link commenced last night with the
following scores: Weir 14, Cameron
11, Burton 9, Kyle 13, Gaudaur 13,
Beaudro 10.

Tonight Drewry and Robinson play;
Tuesday Schnarr and Hudson, Weir
and Gaudaur.

Owing to Mr. McLean burning his
hands while engaged in helping the
children at St. Alban's church Sunday
school with their Christmas tree he
was unable to play at the rink to inspire
his countrymen to victory in their curling match Thursday night.

Mark All Your Baggage.

"Mark all your baggage," that is the
injunction of every man in any way
connected with the baggage depart-
ment of railroads. It means so little
to the passenger and, yet its fulfilment
would relieve much care on the part of
the little army of men who toil hard
from one end of the day to the other,
and in hundreds of instances assist
very materially in facilitating matters
when it comes to making close connections,
as is often the case in these days
of railroading.

A man who has made the handling
of baggage a study, said:

Why is it so many people do not
have some initial, name or other identi-
fying mark put on their trunks and
valises? Simply because they have
whatever, but only reliable statistical
information in detail, showing actual
results, the output of gold from the
operating mines, with the number of
tons of ore milled, the yield of gold per
ton and all other necessary details; as
well as the trial mill runs from newly
opened reefs in process of development,
the machinery installed, or on the
ground in course of erection, and what-
ever other information is necessary for
the complete understanding of what is
being done in these goldfields.

The verification to which all the figures
are now subjected before they are
given a place in these statements issued
under the attestation of the Chamber
of Mines places them on a level with
government returns. Their compilation
and distribution is a public work in
the public interest, the development
of the mineral resources of the Lake of
the Woods goldfields being of the highest
importance to the development and
progress of the country as a whole.
This the Dominion Government ought
to recognize. At present the entire
cost of carrying on the work of the
Central Canada Chamber of Mines is
borne by the public-spirited gentlemen,
close upon a hundred in number, whose
weight and standing give the Chamber
its authoritative representative char-
acter, and amply justified by the results
to be attained by the systematic
pursuance of the work the Chamber of
Mines is now doing.

Extract From Telegram, Toronto, Dec. 15, 1900.
The deputation from Central Canada
has put its finger on one particular bad
spot in the general weakness of the
Ontario Government. The crushings
of stampmills in New Ontario have not
been publicly recorded in the official
returns, and it is time that Hon. E. J.
Davis enforced regulations similar to
those which prevail in every prospec-
tive mining country. Daylight is good
legitimate mining enterprise, but thanks
to the incompetence in the Queens
Park, darkness has surrounded the re-
sult of every mill run. This darkness
has helped stock peddlars to get the
money of the people who have to go it
blind owing to the lack of official re-
turns.

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Award Baking Powder, outstanding
among. They are superior to baking

LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

BY W. M. ROCHESTER.

JEREMIAH 23: 6.

There remains to us among the letters of Samuel Rutherford the following counsel written to a congregation that had honored him with their confidence in personal affairs: "Again, hold by the ground-work when the outworks and the superstructure are assailed. Fall back the more nakedly upon your sure foundation. Keep the ground of your standing and acceptance clear. And take your stand on that ground at every time of despair assaults you. For great faults and for small, for formality in spiritual service, for cold-heartedness and for half-heartedness, you have always open to you your old and safe ground, the blood and the righteousness of your Covenant Trinity." (Whitby.)

The truth thus expressed is identical with the meaning of this name— Jehovah Tsidkenu, The Lord our Righteousness.

1. By this title the Lord Jesus is specially known. The finger of prophecy here points to Him upon whom the Lord laid the iniquity of all, As Jesus Himself expressed the attitude of those of olden time to Him: Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad; so is it here manifest that the prophet was a "seen," for he beheld in the distance the rod out of the stem of Jesse and the branch out of his roots, and recognized the horn of Christ as the Lord our Righteousness. Clearly there is no discord upon this point between those who wrote before and those after our Lord's appearing. Paul for example makes this strong statement, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth"; and he again refers to Christ as having been made unto us of God "wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption." Turning our face therefore to Christ we may see in Him our righteousness.

That we may with security look to Him thus is apparent when we consider His work, "How manifold to take away our sin and in Him was no sin." He died the just for the unjust. His death was an atonement for us all: His life was one of entire obedience to the law of God. He became therefore a perfect surety for His people. None of them that trust in Him shall be put to shame. In the light of His work it is well written, "Therefore the ends of all the earth, and those afar that be upon the sea, their confidence, O Lord, will place in Thee."

Discussing the question, What is the hardest thing in religion? two men, the one learned and the other illiterate, found themselves at variance. The learned man first gave his view, "To deny one's sinful self." The contradiction offered by his humble companion was, "To deny ourselves of a proud confidence in our own obedience for justification." Speaking of this later, the man of learning remarked, "I then hated the righteousness of Christ; I looked at the man with astonishment and disdain, and thought him an old fool. I have since clearly seen who was the fool, not the wise old Christian, but the proud James H. Wey." Many can respond to his judgment. It is hard to avoid putting in with Christ a little of ourselves and our doings. If we would be saved, to that climax of self-denial must we come which is expressed thus, "None of self and all of Thee."

"Were I disposed to boast," said the renowned Bishop Asbury, "my boasting would be found true. I obtained religion near the age of thirty. At the age of sixteen I began to preach, and travelled some time in Europe. At twenty-six I left my native land and made adieu to my weeping parents, and crossed the boisterous ocean to spend the balance of my days in a strange land, partly settled by savages. I have travelled through heat and cold for forty-five years. In thirty years I have crossed the Allegheny mountains fifty-eight times. I have often slept in the woods, without necessary food or raiment. In the Southern States I have waded swamps and led my horse for miles, where I took colds that brought on the diseases which are now preying on my system and must soon terminate in death. But my mind is still the same: that it is through the merits of Christ I am to be saved."

3. Let us keep in mind that The Lord our Righteousness does not encourage good living. There is danger from sin in life. There is also danger from grace. Therefore it has been asked, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" The answer to that is very emphatic: "God forbid!" Security-strong and faithful may stand upon us. Let us not forget that salvation is two-sided. The apostle has declared it when he said, "How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer thereto?" Deliverance from the power and love of sin is revealed as a part of salvation. A new heart and a new spirit come with the blessing of forgiveness. We shall doubtless even feel perplexed when confronting those great truths of redemption. That mystery which ever must abide in apprehension and defy explanation. Yet in touch with the Bible, and with love and trust to the Author of salvation,

SURE SIGN OF DEATH.

ONE SIMPLE TEST THAT IT IS ALLEGED, NEVER FAILS.

A PHYSICIAN WHO SAYS HE HAS TRIED IT IN MORE THAN A THOUSAND CASES EXPLAINS HIS METHOD OF PREVENTING PREMATURE BURIAL.

The question of an absolutely sure sign of death has troubled mankind from ancient times. It has been most variously answered, but never to entire satisfaction. The difficulties we meet with are: First, that not all organs of the body die in one moment; and second, that the action of some of the vital organs may be so diminished that by ordinary means it appears almost impossible to decide whether the life in them is in fact extinct or not.

The actual causes of physiological death are three: First, cessation of brain function; second, cessation of respiration or failure of the lungs; third, failure of the heart.

The first, involving immediate death of the central or animal nervous system only, is not at once followed by the inactivity of the peripheral nervous system and its special so-called vegetative centers, as long ago was demonstrated by Brown-Séquard, Schüle and others. So the lungs may continue to contract and expand, the heart may continue to beat, even if with greatly diminished power. We know further that the life of the skin is not extinct. Hair and nails continue to grow, the stomach continues to digest, the liver to secrete bile, etc. Respecting the second cause of death, we well know that respiration may cease for quite awhile if the brain is not affected and the circulation not interrupted. And of the third cause, by heart failure, the same may be said. So we see that we may speak of true, absolute physiological death only after the cessation of function of the three organs together or at least of two of them, the lungs and the heart, without the function of which the brain certainly cannot operate.

Now, as regards respiration, we have very simple means to demonstrate its cessation. So remains, in fact, as the only one to show as true death the heart. This to prove indeed with absolute certainty is quite a difficult problem. Upon the witness therefore of any and all traces of circulation in the body have been concentrated most experiments. And it regards the same we have to take into consideration that by disease the heart beats might be diminished to but a few faint pulsations per minute, might become so impure that without the aid of special instruments and long continued observation nothing of their existence may be detected.

In the following I shall give the simple means by which any person easily may convince himself of the absence or presence of the third of times of circulation.

If we ligate tightly a member of the body, best for example, a finger between the first and second joints at the

He Loves Me?

The dainty flower oracle may tell her true or false, but some day the prince will come and she'll dream the dear dream of home life and motherhood. In that dream she will see herself always happy, always with a smile for the husband and a kiss for the baby. What a pity to wake from such a dream—to almost loathe her husband and hate her child, because cruel pain has blighted her body and warped her mind. How many a woman has had this sad awakening from her dreams of home and love! There's help and healing for every woman who suffers from womish diseases, caused by girlish ignorance, wifely neglect, or the strain of maternity. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It heals diseases of the delicate organs,

practically does away with the pains of maternity and gives the nursing mother vigor and vitality.

Two years ago," writes Mrs. Kathie Anikier, of 754 First Street, Alliance, Ohio, "I used two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and in April a nice baby was born; before the doctor came, I was not very sick. Baby is now fourteen months old and weighs 30 pounds. Before coming to see Dr. Pierce, I took 'Favorite Prescription' to stop my day after I took the medicine, from the first spoonful that I took, I stopped vomiting. It is a God-send for women."

When a laxative is needed, use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets with "Favorite Prescription."

DODGING CANNON SHOT.

"Last Friday Lucy (Mrs. Knott) dined at General Washington's. Last Saturday let it be remembered to the honor and skill of the British troops, they fired 104 cannon shot at our works at not a greater distance than half point blank shot and did what? Why, scratched a man's face with the splinters of a rail fence. I have had the pleasure of dodging these lots of cangues of iron, with g., at success, however, I fear they will hit me unless directed by the hand of Providence." From "A Soldier of the Revolution" by Noah Brooks.

ONE WOMAN'S TREASURE.

I read in one of the "Daily" papers that "a good woman is said to be more valuable than a diamond or a ruby, which the late Duke of Wellington accidentally trod on and tore it off on a ceremonial visit to Liverpool, N. B. In 1882, one finds it at once of Culverley's price

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ence to the law of God. He became therefore a perfect sinner for His people. None of them that trust in Him shall be put to shame. In the light of His work it is well written: "Therefore the ends of all the earth, and those afar off that be upon the sea, their confidence, O Lord, will place in Thee."

The message of this name has satisfied the human heart. Bunyan wrote, "But one day, as I was passing in the field, and that, too, with some dash in my conscience, fearing lest all was not right, suddenly this sentence fell upon my soul, Thy Righteousness is in Heaven! And, methought, I saw with the eyes of my soul Jesus Christ at God's right hand. There, I saw my Righteousness."

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Jesus Thy blood and righteousness,
My beauty are my glorious dress,
Midst flung worlds, in these I stay;

With joy shall I lift up my head,
Or again—

Jesus how glorious is Thy grace,
When in Thy Name we trust,
Our faith receives a righteousness
That makes the sinner just.

But perhaps more closely associated with this name of Christ are the memorable lines of Robert Murray M'Cheyne,

When free grace awoke me, by light
from on high,
Then legal fears shook me and trembled
to die,
No refuge, no safety in self could I see,
Jehovah Tsidkenu my Savior must be.

My terrors all vanished before that
steat name;
My guilty fears banished, with bold-
ness I came,
To drink at the fountain, life-giving
and free.

Jehovah Tsidkenu my death-song
shall be."

—
Cables and Conductors.

A new industry among street car conductors was revealed, to a patient passenger on an up-town Sixth avenue, the other day. The conductor, who was in a talkative mood, opened conversation by exhibiting a comb of a brush which commands a premium and remarking that many such combs were carried as pocket brushes, being in the hands of himself and his fellow conductors in the course of a year, either from passengers who were temporarily oblivious more or less of their surroundings and their actions or from men who had gone home and forgot up town.

From that he passed to the topic of losses owing apparently to conductors who took bad quartz, and dollars by mistake, and would congeal to try to walk the car of passengers, sold them at the car house of other conductors at a discount of 5 cents. The somewhat conductors he explained, had rather lose 5 cents than to try to pass the car, or to lose the face value of the car. The other conductors, he said, were always ready to make the 5 cents.

It's too late, she responded, the clock struck, looking at his watch. "Your patient has been dead 14 minutes."—London Telegraph.

No matter how bright and sensible a man is, if the gossips discover he is going crazy, the world remarks that he will not have far to go.—Atchison Globe.

salvation. A new heart and a right spirit come with the blessing of forgiveness. We shall doubtless never feel perplexed when confronting these great truths of redemption. There is mystery which never must elude apprehension and defy explanation. Yet in touch with the Bible, and with our eyes open to the influence of truth upon the lives of those who believe, we can never fail to see that belief of the Gospel means earnestness, purity, endeavor. The Lord Our Righteousness can never be a warrant for indifference to right-living.

Let us keep this name even before us. We may add also, Let us strive to see more clearly and fully its wondrous beauty. No message to be compared to this was ever brought to man. It is a message, truly, of glad tidings and great joy. To guilty men in prison it is not uncommon to bring promises of mitigation of sentence or release for good behavior. This is a promise of pardon from God for men without character. Grace may apprehend the chief of sinners. All who are saved are monuments of divine mercy. Let us look into these things. They will grow upon us until our hearts respond in wonder, love and praise.

This is not a truism for the dawn of the Christian life merely. We need its steady consolation, inspiring indifference always. Our life is an "all-day looking unto Jesus." Specially do we need it in the last hour. After we have done all it is only the blood of Christ which can give us entrance and set us down as freeholders in Heaven.

When treading the valley, the shadow
of death
This watchword shall rally my faltering
breath.
Eg if from life's fever my God set me
free,
Jehovah Tsidkenu my death-song
shall be."

In one case only I observed the mentioned discoloration, though it was impossible to notice any honest action by any means. I at once resorted to venesection, and, sure enough, the blood flowed, and after a short time faint pharyngeal beats up to seven per minute could be distinguished. Every thing was done to stanch respiration. Yet it was too late, and the heart beats within half an hour gradually diminished. The corpse had been lying for dead for over two hours.

A Lesson.

At a lesson in a medical college the other day one of the students who was by no means a dunce, was asked by the professor, "How much is a dose of arsenic?" giving the technical name of a strong poison.

"A teaspoonful," was the reply. The professor made no comment, but the student a quarter of an hour later, realized that he had made a mistake, and straightaway said:

"Professor, I want to change my answer to that question."

"It's too late," she responded, the clock struck, looking at his watch. "Your patient has been dead 14 minutes."—London Telegraph.

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introduction of Coburg "accidentally tried and tested" when on a ceremonial visit to Lerwick, N. B., in 1882. One thinks at once of Calverley's lines:

A place of orange-peel—
The seat of a king—
What not on Earth is there?
By George, it's me!

Landen Academy.

An Opinion Indorsed.

"It takes genius and hard work to make a great actor," exclaimed the ebullient matinee favorite who was smoking a cigarette and reading a 50 cent novel.

And the press agent looked up from the piles of fiction which his facile pen was tracing and in a voice that shook with excitement exclaimed:

"You bet it does!"

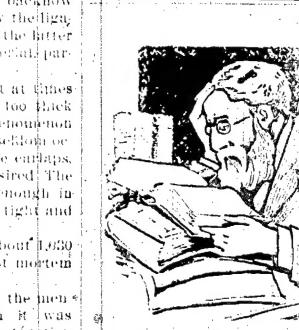
Ber Divorce.

The Chicago divorcee was talking about her former husbands. "What was the matter with the first?" asked her friend.

"He didn't understand me."

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"He did."—Philadelphia Record.



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THE CREED OF THE CHURCH

BY JOS. KEEVIL.

Whatever involves human character and destiny, merits the attention and serious thought of every true man. It is evident the subject before us deals with that vital and important truth that molds character and determines destiny. Solomon says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Paul, the apostle, declares, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." The church must have a creed, something to believe, something to satisfy the condition of Christian life; the central idea of which, the church must believe with all her heart. Webster says, "A creed is a definite summary of truth to be believed." The creed of the church must contain a definite summary of truth to be believed before one can be admitted to baptism and church fellowship. The creed of the church, then, is the elementary and primitive fact that must be believed, before one can become a Christian and which constitutes the foundation of the whole Christian system. At the superstructure is human; we can just look for a human foundation; but if divine, the foundation must be divine.

First let us note the condition of Christendom on the question of creeds, that we may be better able to arrive at a fair and unmistakeable answer to the question, what is the creed of the church? Reviewing briefly the cited history, we find: (1) The so-called apostles' creed, originating early in the history of the church; but not early enough to claim apostolic origin. In its present form, it dates as late as the fourth century. It is a simple statement of the cardinal facts of the Christian religion; (2) We find the Nicene Creed. The result of a council convened in A. D. 325 by Constantine to settle the long and bitter controversy respecting the dignity and character of Christ; (3) Then growing out of the controversy of the fifth century respecting the Trinity, we have the Athanasian Creed. The most important of them all, breaking free from the spirit that created it, is (4) With the reformation of the sixteenth century came an indefinite number of oaths or codes of law, expressing human conceptions of divine things, such as the five points of Calvinism, and the counter five points of Arminianism. The thirty-nine articles of the Church of England, the Westminster Confession of Faith, or the twenty-five articles of religion of the Methodist church, etc. These are considered, respectively, as the elementary and primary facts of the Christian religion.

There are three facts clearly demonstrated to all who have compared these oaths or codes of laws. (1) They are not in harmony with each other, but are conflicting at vital and important points. Compare the first three points of Calvinism where the unconditional election of a definite number chosen of God is declared; and contrast that with the teaching of Arminianism, where predestination is conditional and all can be saved, the

Christ, the Son of the living God. Whatever community of believers rest upon that rock, is a church of Christ."

Dr. Corey, a leading Methodist minister, said, "I have as much right to formulate my faith after my own fashion as had the council of Nice to make a creed and force it upon me against the protest of my better informed reason, my conscience, and my sense of religious freedom. I believe we can constitute a better council today on the essentials of Christian truth than was ever assembled in the world's history. . . . yet I would not let such a council bind me to any dogma that violated the instincts of my faith, the results of my honest judgment, and my self-respect as a man and a son of God. I do not believe the creeds of the day—the old Calvinism—Unitarianism, Romanism, Lutheranism or Methodism, truly represents the spirit and principles of Christianity."

Prof. W. D. MacKenzie said, "That any church should add any formal conditions of communion to that of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord conforming thereto, seems to me one of the most potent causes of 'diseases' in the church whether ancient or modern."

In 1830, A. Campbell said, "On examination of the history of all the platforms and constitutions of all the sects, it appeared evident as mathematical demonstration itself, that neither the Augsburg articles of faith nor Wesleyan, nor those of any state creed, or dissenting establishment, could ever improve the condition of things, restore union to the church, peace to the world, or success to the gospel of Christ." Hence he said,

"Our opposition to creeds arose from a conviction that whether the opinion in them were true or false, they were hostile to the union, peace, harmony, purity and joy of Christians; and adverse to the conversion of the world to Jesus Christ."

Prof. Briggs truly said, "The tendency of thought in the present century has been to strong and irresistible toward the person and work of Jesus Christ as to remove the scholasticism of the medieval age."

These great and good men speak in no uncertain sound. The foundation of the ecclesiastical world is being shaken, and soon to be removed. These are but the harbinger of the coming day when party creeds shall no longer divide God's children.

This leads us to the consideration of the important question: *What is the true creed of the church?* A correct answer to this question is of paramount importance. To enable us to arrive at a correct answer we must go to the right source. And I am quite sure you will all agree with me, when I say the Bible is the true source. With Chillingworth of 16 C. we can say, "The Bible, the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants"; or with A. Campbell, when he said, "Where the Scripture speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent." Or we can recognize the wisdom in the statement he made in 1839, "We take the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, as the foundation of all Christian union and communion."

The popular cry, "Back to the Christ," is but another expression of this sentiment, where predestination is conditional and all can be saved, the

church—the church of the New Testament. This is the all-embracing dominant creed that needs no revision.

This conclusion is in harmony with the early history of the church. Lamson, in his Church of First Three Centuries, says, "Writets sometimes speak of the primitive creed; by which they do not always mean the creed of Peter, the oldest Christian creed of we have any account. 'Thou art the Christ' the Son of the living God. This was the only article of faith originally deemed necessary to constitute a man externally a Christian. It presupposes, of course, a belief in one God the Father."

Neander (Planting and Training of the Church of Christ)

"The acknowledgement of Christ as the Messiah was the original article of faith in the Apostolic Church."

Shedd, (History of Christian Doctrine), says, "The apostle Peter in his answer to the inquiry of Christ, 'But who say ye that I am?' made the first formal confession of faith under the Christian dispensation. The answer, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' was regarded by the Redeemer as the doctrinal basis of His kingdom upon earth; for upon this rock, this cordial acknowledgement of His character and redeeming work, He informed His disciples He would found His church." With such fact before us, we do not wonder the trend of religious thought has back to the original creed and firm basis of the church, as established by the Christ, through the inspired apostles.

The creed of the church must be simply yet profound, universal and perfect. In each case the divine creed meets the requirements. The simple truth, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," can be grasped and understood by every one. Yet it suggests thoughts that would baffle the mind of a Newton, a Kepler, a Franklin, or a Gladstone. It is universal. Christ died for all. His kingdom is a universal one. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11: 28) is heard ringing down the ages and to the remotest parts of the earth. It is perfect. I need not dwell upon this point. The sinless character and spotless purity of the Son of God is known to us all. It needs no comment. Thus in accepting the true creed of the church, we accept the living Christ, not dogmas. And He stands before us as the embodiment of the highest and purest in both teaching and life.

THE UTILITY OF THE DIVINE CREED IS SUCH, THAT IT WINS FOR ITSELF THE SUPREME PLACE.

I say yes on a firm, unchangeable basis, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever" (Heb. 13: 8). Our conception of truth may change. A more perfect knowledge of truth may change our beliefs; but Christ, The Truth, will never change. He will stand forever.

2. It will give the church that unity for which Christ prayed when he said,

"That they all may be one; even as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee; that they also may be in us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send me" (John 17: 21). Unity is the great need of the Church. In her conflict with sin, her divided condition has been the cause of many defeats. To do well she must be a united Church. Christ furnishes the only

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RAT PORTAGE, ONT., DEC. 21, 1900.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

There has been considerable municipal talk in Rat Portage during the present week. We hope this talk will ripen into activity and produce a council which will in every way represent the life and activity of this town. Apparently for years there has been a state of indifference regarding the personnel of the council. More by good luck than good management we had a fairly good council this year. We hope that the spirit which emanated a few leading people last January will be impregnated into the vast majority of the ratepayers during the present contest and that a council will be chosen which will succeed in improving upon the work of past councils.

The law of the survival of the fittest applies to corporations as well as to individuals. Enterprising men are looking for opportunities for the investment of capital; restless individuals, some good, some not wise, seek congenial quarters; men in the evening of their life, who have served their day and generation and are able to bid farewell to toil, seek a place to reside.

All these classes are asking questions of different municipalities as to what they can offer. To these men we must have replies ready, and to only the very fittest men in town should we entrust the presentation of our case.

No matter how favorable our situation, how fascinating our possibilities, we will not prosper unless we have proper management. The same is true in every department of life, and doubly so in municipal affairs. There are certain routine duties which can be performed by anyone who can read and write and who has access to the minutiae book of former years; just the same as anyone can open the door, put up the blind and wait for trade. But more than this is wanted.

Your commissioners are of the opinion that for the future the control and direction of the system could be well managed by a committee of the council chosen by them for that pur-

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would scarcely have done unless satisfied that the operation of the system could be, at least, as well done by the council as themselves.

To our mind, however, there is another reason why the by-law should carry; that is, that now the precedent of paying a salary to commissioners is established it will be almost impossible to have commissioners without paying them and as the statutes clearly prohibit members of a council receiving any pay for their services, we think the water-works system will be put upon a business-like basis by them in the appointing of some competent person to assume the full control, subject only to such regulations as the council may adopt, being thus in the position of the manager in a joint stock company, the shareholders electing a certain number from among themselves as directors and they, in turn, appointing a manager to conduct the business, with full power within certain prescribed limits to do what he considers necessary for its success.

We believe that if the by-law were carried and the council follow out a policy such as this the result would prove not only satisfactory to the ratepayers, but also demonstrate that municipal ownership of public franchises can be a success. Following is a copy of the letter from the commissioners:

Rat Portage, Nov. 21, 1900.
The Mayor and Council, Town of Rat Portage.

Gentlemen: We, your water commissioners, take the liberty of making the following suggestions, on account of consideration:

That in view of the completion of the wide-works system as planned by the commissioners, we are of the opinion that there no longer exists a necessity for a commission to carry on the operation of the system.

Your commissioners are of the opinion that for the future the control and direction of the system could be well managed by a committee of the council chosen by them for that pur-

pose.

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true in every department of life, and doubly so in municipal affairs. There are certain routine duties which can be performed by anyone who can read and write, and who has access to the minute books of former years, just the same as any one can open the door, put up the blind and wait for trade. But more than this is wanted. The age is a competitive one, and Rat Portage should demand that its council should be in touch with its spirit and progress. If the councillors are wide awake business men, successful in their own enterprises, they will tend to attract to this town men looking for investments; the condition of affairs in the town will reflect their ability and progress will continue.

Your commissioners are of the opinion that for the future the control and direction of the system could be as well managed by a committee of the council chosen by them for that purpose. We remain yours truly,

The Board of Water Commissioners,
F. GARDINER, Chairman,
H. Rideout.

We understand Mr. D. C. Cameron has given his consent to allow his name to go in nomination for mayor.

After Typhoid

Councillor Rice has probably made more enemies during the past year than any other member of the council. But it only goes to show that he has been trying to do his duty, and any man who does that is bound to make enemies.

The one great trouble in securing good fish to take money place lies in the fact that they are not designed for making enemies for business and social reasons, and yet if elected to office their sense of honor would not let them condone abuses which exist in municipal affairs, and therefore they know they would be compelled to make enemies.

A sense gives strength to the pound; there is no strength in it.

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The gains and not lost to what the people keep the persons among the world to own are the gains of a man in office in a dispensary of the few who stay.

We hope that on next Monday we will see the very ablest men in our way allow their names to be placed on the ballot papers.

Another considerable importance that should not be lost sight of in the coming municipal elections is the by law submitted for the removal of the water commissioners; and the assumption by the council of the management of this important municipal enterprise.

The impression among many persons to be that the council have been trying to take upon themselves the onus of deriving at present upon the commissioners, but a perusal of the following letter will show clearly that it is the commissioners who have taken the initiative in the matter. This they

WITNESS
ALLEN MCLENNAN.

BY-LAW NO.

BY-LAW TO REMOVE THE Waterworks Commissioners of the Town of Rat Portage, to appoint their salary, and provide for the proceeding with, and managing of the Waterworks system in the Town of Rat Portage by the Municipal Council.

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to remove the Waterworks Commissioners of the Town of Rat Portage and to provide for the carrying on and management of the system of Waterworks now being put in in the Town of Rat Portage, under and by the Municipal Council of the Town of Rat Portage.

AND WHEREAS by Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1867, it is provided that the Waterworks Commissioners intrusted with the construction of the work, may by By-Law assented to by the electors of the Municipality, at any time be removed.

THEREFORE the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rat Portage in council assembled enacts as follows:

1. That from and after the date of coming into force of this By-law the Municipal Council of the Town of Rat Portage shall assume the work of construction of the Waterworks system in the Town of Rat Portage and shall proceed with and manage the same, the constitution of which system and the management of the same is now intrusted to the Waterworks Commissioners.

2. That from and after the date of coming into force of this By-law the said Waterworks Commissioners shall cease to have or exercise any power or control in any way whatsoever in connection with the said system, of Waterworks, and that all the rights, powers, authorities, immunitiess, duties and liabilities then belonging to the Commissioners shall be transferred to and fixed in the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Rat Portage.

3. That on the said date the said Waterworks Commissioners shall be paid the respective amounts or balances due to each of them respectively for salary, and that from and after the said date the said Waterworks Commissioners shall have no further or other claim for salary.

4. That from and after the date of coming into force of this By-law the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rat Portage shall assume the work of the construction of the said Waterworks system and proceed with and manage the system of Waterworks in every particular.

5. That this By-law shall take effect on the day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

6. That the votes of the electors of the North, Centre, South and West Wards of the said Town of Rat Port-

age shall be taken on this By-law on Monday the seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one at a poll to be appointed at the following places and with the following deputy returning officers, that is to say:

CENTRE WARD.

Polling sub-division No. 1 at the Town Hall in the Town of Rat Portage; Polling sub-division No. 2 at the Office of Allan Wilson, Teamster Main Street, in the Town of Rat Portage.

NORTH WARD.

Polling sub-division No. 1 at the Court House in the Town of Rat Portage; Polling sub-division No. 2 at Sunblade's Boarding House, Railway Street, in the Town of Rat Portage.

SOUTH WARD.

Polling sub-division No. 1 at the House of Dugald McMurphy, Jr., at the corner of 2nd and Martha Streets in the Town of Rat Portage; Polling sub-division No. 2 at the shop of John Stendal, Agnes Street, in the Town of Rat Portage.

WEST WARD.

Greenwood's Hall, Corner of King and Road and C. P. R., Norman, in the Town of Rat Portage.

And that D. A. Pendleton be and is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for Centre Ward polling subdivision No. 1, and that Chas. E. Neals be and is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for polling subdivision No. 2 Centre Ward; and that J. W. Pickett be and is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for polling subdivision No. 1 North Ward; and that M. Seguiller be and is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for polling subdivision No. 2 North Ward; and that D. McMurphy, Jr., be and is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for polling subdivision No. 1 South Ward; and that Frank Hockley be and is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for polling subdivision No. 2 South Ward; and that Eben Jones be and is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the West Ward; to take the votes of the electors entitled to vote and de-

sirous of voting for or against the passing of this By-law.

And that the said poll be open at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon and shall be kept open till five o'clock in the afternoon on the same day.

7. That on the Fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and One at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon the Mayor or the head of the Municipality for the time being shall appoint in writing signed by him two persons to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of permitting the passing of this By-Law and like number be half of the persons interested in and desirous of opposing the passing of this By-Law.

8. That on the Seventh day of January, A. D. 1901, the Clerk of the Town of Rat Portage shall attend at the Town Hall in said Town of Rat Portage at seven o'clock p.m., and shall sum up the number of votes given for and against this By-Law and then declare to all present whether the requisite number of electors voted in favor of the passing of this by-law, or contrary thereto.

Done and passed in open Council this day of

V.D. 1901.

Mayor Town Clerk.

Take notice that the above is a true copy of a proposed By-Law, which has been taken into consideration, and which will be finally passed by the Council of the Municipality in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto after one month from the first publication in The Miner, the date of which first publication was Friday the fourteenth day of December, A. D. 1900, and that the votes of the electors of the said Municipality will be taken on the day and at the hours and places there in fixed.

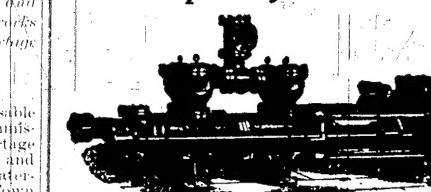
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WANTED A PRETTY NAME.

Rat Portage is on the Hunt--No Reward Offered Yet.

A proposition has been brought forward to change the name of Rat Portage to something more indicative of our material wealth or beauty of situation. What the outcome of the agitation will be we cannot say, but we presume the people will use their prerogative and make the decision.

As a rule towns and cities have received their names by accident, but the accident so far as Rat Portage is concerned seems to have been rather unfortunate. The name is not an ideal one, and poets would hardly go into raptures over it. Still, it has its advantages in that it is in a sense striking and not to be confounded with any other place.

The ladies and some very nice people think it is a "horrid name," but we often find very beautiful ladies and real nice men with "horrid names" and yet they are veryaverse to changing them--excepting being made in the case of the belief in a certain person of their life.

A correspondent in another column suggests the name "Sylvanah." It is rather pretty, but we think that when the citizen gets really wakened up to the creation of pretty names we will have such a collection that we have to employ an expert to decide upon the prettiest, and of course that is what we want.

We would suggest, however, that the proposition he laid aside till June or July, and that on some beautiful moonlight night we employ the Citizens' band to play its sweetest and everybody get out in canoes, and under the spell of the music, the moonlight and the rippling water we make a departure in the selection of a name.

At the present season of the year, with the thermometer bobbing around down the selection might be chilly and the poor unfortunate name develop pitch and wind up in an early grave.

The New Century.

The month of December always will be the terrible one, and we in the Rat Portage and Rainy Lake region are getting ready to meet it. We heartily hope that the United States will not expand so rapidly that before the next election they should make an effort to make us a member of the union. We expect you to suggest what steps we can take to prevent this from happening.

A celebrated but very vain and overbearing French painter in Paris had a mad dog that was taken ill, and he had the authority to send for one of the leading physicians in the capital. On his assumption that a veterinary surgeon was not good enough for the valuable dog of so great a personage as himself, he sent for a physician who had been honored

ODD IDEAS OF PROVIDENCE.

The temperance lecturer, John B. Gongh, had occasion in one of his addresses to refer to the indiscriminate and arbitrary yet consoling doctrine of Providence. He said: "Some people have strange ideas on this matter. Once when a ship was in danger a lady went to the captain in great distress. 'We must trust in Providence, madam,' said he. 'Goodness gracious, is it as bad as that?' she cried."

"A washerwoman had her little shanty burned down. She stood before the wrecks and, lifting her eyes to heaven and shaking her fist, exclaimed, 'You see if I don't work on Sundays to pay for that!'

"In the fifth of Forte a vessel struck on a rock, and a tug was drawing nigh to the rescue. A boy, much alarmed, was clinging to his mother. She said, 'Ye must pit yer trust in Providence, Janie!' 'I will, mither, as soon as I get into that other boat!'

"In New York a Dutchman with a companion went into Delmonico's to get lunch. They were charged \$6. One of the men began to swear, as he thought the charges excessive. 'Don't you swear,' said the other. 'Providence has punished that man Delmonico very bad already.' 'How is that? How has he punished him?' 'Why, I've got my tickets full of his forks and spoons.'

ETIQUETTE IN 1624.

Diplomacy Wins.
Ardent Suitor—I lay my fortune at your feet.

Fair Lady—Fortune! I didn't know you had money.

Ardent Suitor—I haven't much, but it takes very little to cover those tiny feet.

He got her.—London Telegraph.

The average man will pay 50 cents to see a show of fireworks and neglect to look at the sunset, which he can see almost every night for nothing.—Louisville Journal.

A UNIQUE STATE.

Texas Has Paid Allegiance to the Flags of Six Nations.

Surely another state in the union has as remarkable and interesting a history as Texas. In one respect at least it occupies a unique position in the history of American states. Since its 1836 independence governments have at different times claimed its allegiance, and as many different flags have waved over it, those of France, Spain, Mexico, independent Texas, the United States and the Confederate States.

The founders of Texas statehood were not born as a British colony, nor under the grant or control of the British crown, nor were those of the original thirteen states. Its first settlement dates back more than 200 years, and its first American colonists went there under terms and conditions imposed by a foreign state to secure kingdoms, taxes and contributions they were total strangers. There never was, nor ever could be any equality between

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MALCOLM KIRK.

A Tale of Moral Troubles
In Openings of the World.

By CHARLES M. SHELDON,
Author of "In His Steps," "Crucifixion of Philip Strong," "Rob't & I'll Seven Days."
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CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

"No father, but I think it would be more than fair for me to stay here four weeks until Mrs. Fulton has some work in some one else?" "Very so, too," replied Malcolm, whose relations to others were swelled by the sweetest sense of justice and honor. "Do what is right in every matter. Better talk frankly with Mrs. Fulton about your plans, and let her feel that you are willing to stay as long as it is right."

When Mrs. Fulton came in, Malcolm and Faith had a talk with her. The result of it was that Faith promised to remain with Mrs. Fulton another month. Meanwhile she was to see Miss Varnay, and if arrangements could be made she was to enter the studio at the end of the time of her service at the Fultons'. Mrs. Fulton was considerably surprised, and a good deal pleased with the arrangement. It was a good deal more than she had supposed. Malcolm Kirk or his daughter would agree to do, but she did not know either of them as well as she did afterward.

Malcolm Kirk spent Sunday in Chagooz and Faith had the great delight of hearing him preach in the church where she had gone to the evening service that eventful Sunday before. They took tea with the pastor that evening, and the next day Malcolm started back to Conrad.

Malcolm Stanley went with him there. If the truth must be told, a secret disappointment in the heart of the young Englishman that Faith was not going along too. But the two men said goodby cheerily to Faith and wife, whistled out into the west, while Faith went back to her work with a sense of health in spite of a little feeling of homesickness that crept over her in the sight of the two stalwart figures on the platform of the building train.

Her relations with the Fultons were considerably different now. She was careful not to presume in the least on the change in their thought of her, and when Mrs. Fulton asked her that day if she would sit down at the table with them, she said she preferred not to, which was entirely true, for Faith believed that if she was to serve the family as she ought at mealtimes she must be ready to do so in the most eligible manner. And she knew she didn't do so satisfactorily with the best.

Mrs. Fulton was much relieved at the action in that particular. It gave Faith, however, rather whom

she Francis Raleigh and Malcolm Stanley was not an ordinary hired girl, and Mrs. Fulton reasoned with herself accordingly.

But before that Sunday came Faith and the artist had gone to see the famous lady photographer, who had taken a liking to Faith at the beginning. She readily agreed to take Faith on trial at the end of the month, and Faith went back to her kitchen quite exultant at the prospect.

"If I could only send \$10, or even \$5 a week home, I'd be the proudest girl in this city," she said as she prepared the dinner that evening. "And then, in time, perhaps I can have a studio of my own like Miss Varnay's. I know I have plenty of artistic ideas, and maybe one or two of them are original."

So she sang light-hearted as she worked, overcoming the world of her selfishness and her trials, for it was not all heaven on earth always even in that well appointed kitchen, and there were many things to fight without and within.

But when the time of her stay with the Fultons was out she parted from them with genuine regret. It is very certain that Mrs. Fulton dreaded exceedingly to "break in" the new girl and at the last she even urged Faith to remain another month.

"We will give you \$5 a week if you will only stay," she said anxiously. "And you can play the piano if you want to," she added, with a short laugh and a little embarrassment.

"I'm sorry, really sorry, to leave you, Mrs. Fulton. You have been very good to me. But I feel as if the Lord meant me to do something else. Perhaps—Faith said it a little vaguely, for she had brooded over it a great deal while at work in the kitchen—perhaps I may be able to do something to make American girls willing to go out to service."

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boys at the station and a little back of that eager group a stalwart, manly figure, Malcolm Stanley, who had come in quite suddenly the day before from New Mexico. It is not exactly certain how he knew that Faith was coming home or indeed, if he knew anything about it, but it is very certain that he was there at that time and that Malcolm and Dorothy had given him a hearty welcome.

"Yogie just in time to help our church celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary," Malcolm had said to him. His church was planning in a quiet way for such an anniversary, and it pleased him much to think that Faith was to be at home in time and also that Dorothy could be with them.

That was a wonderful homecoming for Faith. The experiences she had were rehearsed in the family circle, and there never had been so much hearty, pure laughter in the parsonage since it was built. In the frosty evenings they sat around the one open fire in the parlor, and even Malcolm shut up his study and joined the group early, talking over matters with Faith and entering into all her new plans with the enthusiasm of a boy. Dorothy smiled often through happy tears as she looked at her children and saw them growing up into sturdy, useful lives, and in her heart she thanked the Great Father continually for such treasures, worth more to her and her husband than all the gold and silver in the world.

"I want the boys to go to Phillips Academy next fall," Faith said, with an air of one possessed of untold riches. "That's where father graduated, and it will be a fine thing for them to follow him there."

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so many days that we cannot tell in detail here. It is enough to say that when Faith went back to Chicago she carried with her a definite plan which she was able sooner than she expected to put into working practice.

Conrad will never forget the anniversary week held in honor of Malcolm Kirk and his church. It was a week of surprises to him and Dorothy. The town waked up in sudden, hearty, western-fashion, and before he knew it Malcolm was the recipient of a whole town's honor.

Sunday the church had appropriate exercises to celebrate their 25 years' existence. There was a great sermon in the morning by Malcolm and papers by old settlers and charter members in the afternoon. In the evening the young people crowded the church with their meeting, and when they adjourned they went out in front of the parsonage and sang a hymn that one of their own members had composed in praise of the church.

The only sad feature of the day to Malcolm was the presence of Mrs. Barton, at the morning service. It was a sadness relieved by one great burst of joy.

"Oh, Mr. Kirk," said the old woman, bowed now with years and sorrow, "if Phil had only been saved! Thank God, I owe my other son to you!" She went on to speak of Malcolm's efforts which had made the saloon outlaw in Conrad those many years and pointed with pride to her remaining son, who was a member of the church and one of Malcolm's great friends. "He'd gone the way of Phil and his father if the saloon was here," she said and wrung Malcolm's hand and went out, but Malcolm knew her heart was still hungry for her firstborn.

Next day the citizens held a meeting in the courthouse, at which the mayor presided. Malcolm was present as the guest of honor. He had tried to prevent any such expression toward himself. But when he found himself powerless he seized the occasion to glorify the cause of God's kingdom. His speech was a splendid tribute to the power of righteousness. Throughout it all his modesty and unselfishness had never been more forcible or beautifully illustrated to his townspeople. The citizens of Conrad remembered that address long years after countless political speeches had faded out of their memories.

It was perhaps significant of the peculiar esteem in which Malcolm Kirk and Dorothy were held in Conrad that no attempt was made that week to present them with a gold watch or a ten set, or any physical token. The church at a business session voted to increase Malcolm's salary, and there were many flowers sent to the parsonage, but the people seemed to know that what would be most acceptable to Malcolm Kirk and his wife on that anniversary would be the love of the parish, and they did feel that, and never in all their lives, had it meant so much to them.

One incident of that anniversary

faith and Dorothy had a confidence talk that evening, and Dorothy had tears on her face when it was ended:

"Faith's face glows when a certain letter with a queer postmark comes into the studio at Kenwood, where she is making her mark as an artist and bidding over her plans for the good of the world, into which plans she now includes a tall, manly figure out west.

When Stanley and Faith had gone at the close of that week, Malcolm went over to the church one evening to get his Bible, which he had left on the pulpit. The new church was lighted with electricity, and Malcolm turned on the light near the desk, and after finding the Bible he stood on the platform a moment.

While he was there Dorothy came in to get a pot of flowers which had been taken into the church during the anniversary exercises.

She came up to the platform and stood there with her husband.

They were both reminded of that first night when they had gone into the little church and had made their promise.

"It is not like the old room, Malcolm, is it?"

Dorothy said it with a feeling as if a Presence was in the church that was not human or earthly.

"No, my dear. God has been very good to us all these years."

Dorothy crept nearer to him, and Malcolm put his arm about her, and

The Vanity of Men

"Vanity, vanity, all is vanity," said the preacher. Which is usually interpreted to mean, "All women are vanity." In point of fact, the observant are agreed that there is no sex in vanity, more than in mind. An elevator attendant not long ago glanced disgustingly at a man who during a long trip up ten or more stories occupied the entire space at the mirror. He curled the ends of his mustache, arranged his tie, adjusted his hat at a more becoming angle and was altogether so absorbed that he was carried beyond his destination and had to walk down a flight of stairs.

Said the elevator man to a woman in the car: "They say that a woman can't go by a looking glass without looking at herself, but as far as I can see she ain't in it with the men. A woman never gets a chance to look in that glass, for the men keep it busy all the time."

The man who carries a tiny comb or brush in his pocket for use in public places is by no means exceptional. He may be seen on the cubic cars, the "L" and in elevators brushing his mustache and eyebrows with as much care as a woman could give to the arrangement of her curly front locks blown into disorder by the wind. Of course neatness is commendable, but there is always a touch of the ludicrous in a man's taking the little case from his pocket, extracting the comb and coaxing his sirs' adorments into a more becoming curve.

Like a Man.

Soon after the conscript law was passed by the Confederate Congress Captain Slack was appointed enrolling officer for the parish of Clatiborne, with orders to have its provisions duly executed. His manner of execution was the reverse of that suggested by his name and created a lively sensation among the "bomb-proof," who, finding the pointed arguments of his muskets irresistible, moved rapidly and in a right line toward the front. Not long after his arrival his sister had occasion to visit an old lady whose son was notoriously of the peace persuasion. She soon missed his familiar presence, and the following conversation occurred:

"Mrs. —, where is John?"

"Gone to fight for his country, child."

"Indeed, I thought he was one of the exempts."

"Lord, honey, Captain Slack don't know no exempts. The other day I see his men a gallopin' down the road. Ioller to John they war comin' and told him the chibby was a good place. 'Twasn't no use, though, for they thund' he was quicker than a cat does a mouse."

"Well, Mrs. —, what did John do?"

"Do? Why, he come down and fight'd like a man?" "Lost cause?"

The Pope's Official Rings.

The pope has three special rings for his use. The first is generally rather a plain gold one, with an intaglio or cameo ornament. This is called the papal ring. The second one is



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DRINK COLD WATER.

QUIT BOozING AND KEEP SOBER AND
YOU WILL BECOME FAMOUS.

q. Hesp Jones, the Famous Temperance Lecturer, cites a few historic Examples to Prove the Truth of This Proposition.

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My dear Fellow Citizens—it is my custom before proceeding to the business of the evening to take up a question among the audience for the benefit of the majority. On this occasion the subject is the individual who stands before you. I have managed to get here for the last three days on \$1 a day, but I can go no further. While this is no doubt that you would do for me, yet no one need feel any reluctance to give. I will at present name the sum, and as I have nothing to gain by it, I am glad to observe if the majority has decided how much to give. I will not be long in the meeting. I will not be long enough to think that five individuals had nothing to do with us. You are to be aware of the great ques-

tion of the day. Is the cause of the independence of the colonies, and the cause of the negro, 16 cents each. I will take that one, and all would be well enough for a good start. I do not use the term "cause" in any sense, but as a plain fact that the colonies were fit to be free, and that you are in the position of my being fit to be free. I may go on, but I will not, and you can I will not go on.

My friends, I will not let my pocket the figures off with me. How many distillers and breweries there are in the United States, can just now each whisky and beer are made—24 hours



and 24 hours to make it.

But why give them

any money?—I

drank every night in

the saloon, the money spent for

drinking could drown all the

water of the Mississippi and St. Lawrence Rivers.

No, I know those

men who drink.

They are bad men,

but they are bad men,

but they are bad men,

deaths for stamps, and a nation will sorrow at your death and raise monuments to you for a thousand years after.

The name of John Hancock must always be associated with the Declaration of Independence. His name was the first to go down. His was the first neck to be put into the halter. I give you his picture. He is limping drunk and hanging to a lampost in the city of Boston. The convention waits for him to sign his name to a document which will change the map of the world and bring forth a new nation.



HANCOCK.

but he's too drunk to get there, and the independence of the colonies is lost forever. This picture is also a creation of fancy, but let the moral lesson sink deep into your hearts. Now and then, when he had been out chopping wood in the rain, John Hancock may have had a pip to keep the chills off, but it was any other occasion. He didn't drink whisky, to back up his patriotism. He had a cold water bath of tyranny, and when the time came to upset King George's apple cart he picked up a goose quill and wrote his name in letters which stand out like red pain on a white door. Half a pint of colonial corn juice down behind his back would have unflitted the great patriot and left America in dependency.

My friends, I am not here to rail at distillers, howl at brewers or shout at saloon keepers. I am not begging you with tears in my eyes to sham the flowing bowl and not pound young wives or wallop your children. I am not going to spoil your sleep tonight by holding up the horrors and miseries of intemperance. I simply say to you that for a steady all-around drink cold water top everything else and when judiciously mingled with "terrible" tea, it is a popular patois, a portent, a trap—a undisguised snare. It is true, and you will take no offense, M. P. A.

What prompted him?

A Capital story of Rat Hollow, the distinguished Canadian novelist, is told. After T. N. Brown had nearly stepped into traps, Wolf Hollow, the author of "Ruthery Under Arms," he remained for some years as a stipendiary magistrate of Allard's. One morning there was brought before him a rough bantling of 16 charged with having held up seven other boys on a country road. It was proved that the lad presented a pistol at them and compelled them to empty all their pockets for his benefit.

There was a pause until the profound significance of the suggestion had percolated through the members of his

jury. Then the one who had a

few words for his benefit,

CLERICAL STORIES.

HUMOROUS INCIDENTS NOTED BY AN ENGLISH CLERGYMAN.

A Bit of Irish Repartee That Restored Good Humor—The Cause of a General Laugh in a Dublin Cathedral—An Interrupted Sermon.

"An Irishman of the full blood cannot resist an opportunity for repartee, no matter how solemn the occasion or what his surroundings," said an English clergyman, a visitor in Washington, the other day, when the conversation turned on the funny experiences of clergymen and the humor that creeps into parishes connected with the church.

"I was assisting an old friend of mine, the rector of a church in Ireland, one Sunday, and before the service we were in the vestry room putting on our robes, with the old sexton, a shriveled up Irishman of the perfect type, assuring. My friend, who was somewhat old, was a little testy that morning, and somehow the sleeve of his surplice got mixed up. Notwithstanding the assiduous efforts of the old sexton to direct his arm to the right hole, the two would not connect. Finally, losing patience, my friend said sharply: 'Oh, the old boy's in the thing.'

The old sexton brightened up and, looking over at me, with a twinkle in his eye, said as quick as lightning: 'Not rit, your riverince.'

"It restored the good humor of the situation, and the vestment was properly adjusted."

"The only time I ever heard a congregation laugh unrestrainedly during the regular services in a cathedral was back in the eighties, when I was a resident of dear old Dublin. On one Sunday morning the bishop of Cork preached.

He was a splendid man, an Irishman to the backbone and possessed of as fine a physique as ever distinguished a son of Erin. His congregation was made up of the very essence of fashion in Dublin, which in those days, was one of the greatest societies of the world. Notoriously, people were living beyond their means, for the income from the landed estates of Ireland had taken a big tumble. But it made no difference, and good dressing went as a matter of course and was one of the smallest of the extravagances. The bishop preached on the subject of extravagance and spoke bluntly of overdressing. His sermon was a bitter arraignment of the avarice and the wickedness of setting a bent on fashion and dress, and the affected the overdressed woman and wind up this particular reference to her.

"Now, supposing every one, every one, men and women should stand up in this church, take off the clothes, we have not paid for just what is in with the things on your back yet have paid for a pretty look. Let me see now, I will explain in easy

terms. After T. N. Brown had

been nearly stepped into traps,

he remained for some years as a stipendiary magistrate of Allard's.

One morning there was brought before him a rough bantling of 16 charged with having held up seven other boys on a country road.

It was proved that the lad presented a pistol at them and compelled them to empty all their pockets for his benefit.

There was a pause until the profound significance of the suggestion had percolated through the members of his jury. Then the one who had a few words for his benefit,

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Items of Local Interest

The regular meeting of St. Andrew's Guild was held in the basement of Knox church last Monday. After business was transacted all were charmed by an excellently rendered solo from Mr. Ferguson. An interesting debate then followed on the subject: "Resolved, That it is more profitable to read than to travel." The debate was opened by the leader of the affirmative, Miss Midgeley. Mr. Griffiths led the negative side. The debate was decided in favor of the negative. After the debate refreshments were served.

Jacob Hose has just received a fine lot of children's Sleighs. Very cheap. Go and see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith arrived in town this week. They leave for Winnipeg in the morning, where they will spend Christmas. Mr. Smith then proceeds to Toronto, having been appointed manager of the Government Diamond Drill.

When buying Christmas presents for the little ones, don't forget to see our Sleighs, Jacob Hose.

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Our stock of Skates is complete.

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E. G. Hall left for the east Sunday evening.

A. E. Cline, the Fort Frances agent of the Rainy River Nav. Co., is in town.

Dan Hyland of Port Hyland is in town. He says that things are humdrum at that place. The new roundhouse, coal sheds, water tank and telegraph office have been completed by the railway people. The town also boasts of two general stores, a hotel and a number of other buildings.

T. Larkin is now doing business opposite the Imperial bank. He will have three chairs running next week so there will be no waiting. He will be in his place of business from early in the morning till 10 o'clock at night. He promises to the people of Rat Portage a barbershop to equal any in Canada by March 1. His prices are 10c and 15c and never will be any higher as long as he is in the business here. A stock of tobaccos will be put in next week and a bathroom later on. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. T. LARKIN.

Wm. Murdock of Saw Bill arrived in town yesterday.

The Sandusky Fish Co.'s crew from the mouth of the river arrived in town yesterday in charge of their veteran foreman Mr. Toomey. They left for their home in Sandusky, Ohio, last night.

Frank Bryant of Pine Lake is in from his camp this week.

The many friends of Mr. Dowsett will be pleased to learn that he is improving.

At Hoxwill's, Fine Navel Oranges, Xmas Apples, Catawba Grapes 50 cents per basket.

Jas. A. Bow, who has been managing the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates exploration work in Seine River, is in town.

Mr. Patterson, of the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates, is in town to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Edgar Brown, formerly of Rat Portage, but now of Duluth, is in town renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Brown looks as though the world had dealt kindly with him since his return with Uncle Sam.

Lots more of that choice Butter at 20 cents at Hoxwill's.

Geo. McGregor left for his home, Quebec, Que., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Wellman of Winnipeg is visiting Mrs. J. E. Rice.

R. L. Pinkerton left for Winnipeg where he has secured a position.

Anthony Broderick left for his home in Midland, Ont., he returns in the spring.

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To my many
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A Merry Xmas and a
Glad New Year.

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FOUND A SAW SEAT.

A brigadier general or major general is entitled to the keep of three horses at Uncle Sam's expense; a colonel, lieutenant colonel, major or captain to two only.

The forage allowance is often commuted by turning over the same to the quartermaster, and this practice once betrayed a suspicious new member of the house into a curious blunder. He announced that he had discovered that "officers of the army are selling the forage allowed to them, and one such case I am prepared to cite from the records of the war department, a case in which the oats and hay were transferred, doubtless for consideration, to a person named Q. M. Corral."

There was an exchange of looks and winks among his astonished hearers, and then an old member kindly rose and said, "I presume, Mr. Speaker, that the memorandum referred to by my distinguished friend refers to a transfer of forage, in the ordinary course of business, to the quartermaster's corral."

The Has Beens.

They met again in after years by chance at the door of a circus tent, the judge and the middle aged woman who had been Maud Muller.

"Great Scott," muttered the Judge to himself as he noted her sallow face, faded hair, stubby fingers and the marks of the washboard upon them, and the group of slatternly children she was angrily trying to induce the ticket taker to pass in free, "what a lucky escape I had!"

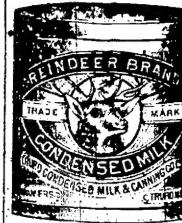
"Merciful gracious," she mused inwardly, looking at his bald head, watery eyes, double chin and protruding stomach, "and I once wanted to marry that man!"

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Get your Skates sharpened at Jacob Hose if you want them well done.

The names of Messrs J. A. McCrossan and A. Carnichael have been mentioned as candidates for Water Commissioners. If these gentleman would give the same careful attention to the water works department as they have to the Electric Light Company we have no doubt they would be success and then town be the gainer.

J. H. Triggs of the Triggs mine returned last evening from an extended trip to St. Paul and Duluth. He says that he had a very pleasant and favorable trip.

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J. F. Sisson's Tailor, of Fort Frances was in town for a few days on business this week.

The Acton Free Press points out that a new section of the Criminal Law will come into force on January 1st will be of painful interest to constables, and others engaged in the enforcement of the law. It renders any one through legal neglect or any carelessness, allows a prisoner or malefactor to escape, liable to one year's imprisonment.

The Dominion Express Co. is now accepting goods for shipment to Rainy River, Fort Frances, B.acheville and other points on the Lake of the Woods. All shipments should be accompanied by invoice and consigned care of Stage Line at Baudette. Trains leave Winnipeg Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:20 o'clock and connect with the stage leaving Baudette Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Nice assortment of Xmas Fruits and Confections at Partingtons.

White Fish, Gold Eyes, Finnan Haddie, Tommy Cod, and Smelts at Partingtons.

A Merry Xmas to all from Partingtons.

Miss Somerville wishes to thank the many kind friends who have so thoughtfully sent fruit and vegetables to the hospital during the fall and winter.

Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Halstead, of Portage La Prairie, stayed over a day at Rat Portage on their way home from year's sojourn in Europe.

Miss Fisher, accompanied by Delemer, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boyce, has gone to Toronto for a lengthy holiday.

Miss Yvonne Steinogapher in Langford and Moran's office is among those going east for holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Gunn entertained a number of friends at a christening party Tuesday evening.

Mrs. May Hamilton of Winnipeg Artist, spent a few days in town with her class and was the guest of Mrs. D. C. Cameron.

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Breaking the News.

Jackson—See here Jimson, that confounded dog of yours kept up a continual howl under my window till 3 o'clock this morning!

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Jackson—I'm glad to hear that, old man, because I hated to ask you to bury the body. To whom did you sell him?

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